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Expedited Procedure - Group 1637

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Jeffrey N. Fredman
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/942,596)
: Filed: August 31, 2001)
: For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING)
: BASE SEQUENCE OF)
: NUCLEIC ACID) January 3, 2007

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006 for two months from November 1, 2006 to Wednesday, January 3, 2007 (the day after the New Year's Day and National Day of Mourning holidays).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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